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DESIGNING COMPOUNDS SPECIFICALLY INHIBITING

RIBONUCLEIC ACID

191 mg 40187 1-251 Met

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant requests entry of the following amendment to the claims:

## In the Claims

1. (Twice amended) A method for designing compounds specifically inhibiting targeted ribonucleic acid <u>function</u> comprising the steps of:

(a)

determining the nucleotide sequence in the targeted ribonucleic acid that is critical to function; determining the secondary structure of the region of the targeted ribonucleic acid in which the critical site is located;

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